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ACCC Perishable Agricultural Goods Inquiry: workshop notes available

Growers will recall that in July last year the ACCC announced a review into the Australian chicken meat industry, but this review was discontinued with the announcement in August 2020 of a three-month inquiry into perishable agricultural goods. Chicken meat was one of nine perishable commodities included in this inquiry, along with pigmeat, beef, sheepmeat, fish, shellfish, eggs, dairy products and plant/fungi products.

Chicken meat was the first of the nine commodities covered by this inquiry to go through DAWE-managed Price and Market Transparency workshops, managed by the Commonwealth Department for Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE), as a first attempt to sort out supply chain problems. After Workshop 1 DAWE acknowledged that price and market transparency may not be the industry's biggest problem, and three ensuing workshops (separately focused on independent growers, processors and corporate growers) concentrated on the potential for financial benchmarking and Codes of Conduct to rectify industry power imbalance.

Notes were taken during these workshops and most of them are now available at the DAWE website.

Workshop 1: Growers, processors and retailers (plus DAWE, ACCC)

This workshop took place on 24th August and the notes can be seen [here](#).

After this workshop the organisers decided that the next two workshops should be run separately for growers and processors.

Workshop 2: Growers only.

This took place on 28th September. See notes [here](#).

Workshop 3: Processors only.

The notes from this 7th October can be seen [here](#).

The notes from the corporate grower meeting are not yet available, but will be placed on the DAWE website once complete.

Last week DAWE met with ACGC, NFF and NSWFC to discuss workshop results and next steps, and as a result ACGC will convene a meeting of its Policy Committee to pass on DAWE advice and agree on ACGC policy positions. Members will be kept informed of progress.

Podcasts on farming and climate change

The role of farming in Australia's reduced emissions future has been much talked about in recent weeks. To help bust the climate jargon and explain agriculture's role in the carbon cycle, Australian Farmers has compiled four podcast episodes covering farming and climate change.

Episode 1. There's an Elephant in my Paddock!

Bigger, faster, stronger, hotter, more frequent- resilient farming in the face of extreme weather.

Episode 2. Better World Leaders

Anika Molesworth illuminates & inspires showing us what is possible & how to do what needs to be done.

Episode 3. The Guardian: Australian Politics

David Littleproud on getting farmers on board with the climate flight

Episode 4. AgTalk

The Carbon Market and what it means to Australian farmers with Oscar Pearse

You'll find these podcasts at: [4 top climate podcast episodes to put in your ears - AustralianFarmers](#)



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